

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 042711

64

ORIGIN AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-01 /008 R

DRAFTED BY AF/C:JHALL DIGGS:LAR

APPROVED BY AF/C:APALMER

S/CPR - RGOOKIN

----- 044523

P 252243Z FEB 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 042711

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT: GABONESE EMBASSY DEBTS IN WASHINGTON

REF: MCKESSON-DAVIS LETTER OF DECEMBER 7, 1974

1. CONTINUOUS INQUIRIES TO AF/C AND S/CPR ABOUT GABONESE INDEBTEDNESS ARE RAPIDLY REACHING POINT WHERE PROMPT ACTION FROM GOG URGENTLY REQUIRED TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS DETAILLED IN PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE.

2. RE OUTSTANDING DEBTS, GABONESE AMBASSADOR MAVOUNGOU STATES THAT HE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS PRIOR TO AUGUST 1973 OF PREDECESSOR, BOUCKAT BOU-NZIENGUI. DURING MAVOUNGOU'S TENURE, HOWEVER, HIS STAFF HAS ACCUMULATED A DEBT OF MORE THAN DOLLARS 1200.

3. GABONESE DIFFICULTIES APPEAR RESULT OF TOTALLY UNTRAINED STAFF WITH LITTLE OR NO PRIOR DIPLOMATIC OR OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE. ADMINISTRATION OF EMBASSY IS IN CONSTANT CHAOTIC STATE; FINANCES ARE IN CONFUSION. FYI: COPENHAGEN ENGRAVERS HAVE BEEN OVERPAID DOLLARS 100. END FYI.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 042711

MAVOUNGOU CLAIMS THAT AS AMBASSADOR HE HAS NO RPT NO

AUTHORITY EXERCISE CONTROL OVER HIS STAFF MEMBERS' ACTIONS

AND IS POWERLESS IN FACE OF THEIR EXCESSES. HIS ATTITUDE INDICATES THAT, ONCE PRESENT DEBT OF DOLLARS 11,718.06 SETTLED, PROBLEMS OF THIS KIND WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUR.

4. FOLLOWING IS LIST AS OF FEBRUARY 24 OF GABONESE INDEBTEDNESS IN WASHINGTON:

1971, '72 AND '73 - (SAMUEL MEISEL & COMPANY, INC.,
SUPPLIERS OF SPIRITS, TOBACCO, AND PERFUME)
MR. JACQUES YAYOULET DOLLARS 32.00
MR. SIMON MAPANGOU DOLLARS 364.75
MR. ALBERT DJIPANO DOLLARS 468.00
MR. EMILIEN IBINGA-MOUNITY DOLLARS 10.00 TOTAL
MR. AUGUSTIN ISSOGUI DOLLARS 350.75 DOLLARS
MR. ROBERT NGUEMA DOLLARS 177.55 1,873.95
MR. ALBERT MONDIOT-IBONGUI DOLLARS 470.90

(UN)

MAY 1971 (AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY) LOAN TO
MR. ROBERT NGUEMA, NEVER REPAID DOLLARS 400.00

9/72-9/73 (DISHWASHER REPAIRS AND EXTERMINATION COSTS
AT FORMER RECTORY RENTED TO FORMER EMBASSY OFFICER
M'BENE) ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH) DOLLARS 155

5/73 ANTOSH RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY REPAIR FOR
MR. YAYOULET, EMBASSY COUNSELOR DOLS 25

JUNE 1973 SIBLEY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, DC (HOSPITAL
SERVICES RENDERED TO BABY OF GEORGE AKANDA) DOLS 1,383.25

1974 THOMAS AND KELLEY CO., INC., REALTORS FOR PROPERTY
LEASED IN 1974 TO MR. YAYOULET (WATER, RENT, OIL BILL,
GARAGE DOOR REPAIR, HOUSECLEANING, AND TRASH REMOVAL)
DOLS 526.67.

JUNE 1974 SHOREHAM AMERICANA HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC
(HOTEL BILL INCURRED BY MESSRS. PIGOT, BRU, AND RICHON
DOLS 435.47

12/7/74 MRS. J. WILLIAM BROSIUS, JR., BETHESDA, MD.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 042711

(AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY GABON EMBASSY
OFFICER RUFIN MAGNOGNOU)(AF/C DIRECTOR CUTLER CAN GIVE
FURTHER DETAILS) DOLS 226.73

BRAUN'S CATERERS (ORIGINAL BILL WAS DOLS 5,11.39
1 PERCENT MONTH LATE CHARGES HAVE BEEN ADDED AND CONTINUE
TO ACCRUE-- DOLS 6,691.99.

.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AS SUGGESTED IN

REFERENCED LETTER TO SOLVE THIS MOUNTING PROBLEM. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DEBTS, DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE042711
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JHALL DIGGS:LAR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750066-0802
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750213/aaaaaltg.tel
Line Count: 116
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 MCKESSON-DAVIS, 75 LETTER OF DECEMBER 7, 75 1974
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 AUG 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <09 DEC 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GABONESE EMBASSY DEBTS IN WASHINGTON
TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, PDIP, US, GB
To: LIBREVILLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006